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DEPT PLS PASS EXIMBANK

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIN, MZ

SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DATA

REF: (A) MAPUTO 0488; (B) STATE 110462

1. NEW BANK OF MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNOR SERGIO VIEIRA CALLED IN AMBASSADOR AND ECONOMIC OFFICER TO DISCUSS EXIMBANK REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL DATA (REF B) MAY 9. ALSO PRESENT WERE BM VICE-GOVERNOR PRAKASH RATILAL AND BM OFFICIAL MOHAMED OSMAN.

2. VIEIRA EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT INFORMATION ON FOREIGN DEBTS AND RESERVES (REF A) WAS NOT SUFFICIENT FOR EXIMBANK CONSIDERATION OF LOAN FOR GE LOCOMOTIVE PARTS. HE SAID THAT BM WILL PROVIDE SOME OF THE INFORMATION EXIMBANK HAS ASKED BUT CONSIDERED OTHER DETAILS CONFIDENTIAL. VIEIRA FELT BM HAD BEEN FORTHCOMING ON FOREIGN DEBT OBLIGATIONS, AND SAID, "WE ARE BONA FIDE; WE HONOR OUR COMMITMENTS."

3. VIEIRA ASKED UNDERSTANDING FOR LATE PAYMENTS, INCLUDING THE RECENT MABOR MIX-UP. HE SAID THAT IT WAS AN AREA WHERE HE KNOWS BM NEEDS IMPROVEMENT, BUT UPGRADING THE PERSONNEL WOULD TAKE  
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TIME. HE HOPED EXIMBANK WOULD REALIZE THAT THESE DELAYS WERE NOT INTENTIONAL.

4. AMBASSADOR REVIEWED FOR VIEIRA GENERAL OPERATING PROCEDURES OF EXIMBANK AND IMPORTANCE OF PROVIDING EXIM BOARD WITH AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE. WHILE RELEASING OR WITHHOLDING FINANCIAL DATA IS THE PREROGATIVE OF ANY GOVERNMENT, AMBASSADOR

MENTIONED THAT GIVING EXIM STAFF SUFFICIENT BASIS FOR ANSWERING BOARD'S QUESTIONS WAS IN EVERYONE'S INTEREST.

5. COMMENT: BY TAKING MATTER UP AT SUCH A HIGH LEVEL, VIEIRA APPARENTLY WANTED TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE GOVERNMENT TOOK ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES VERY SERIOUSLY AND THAT THE DECISION TO RELEASE SOME FINANCIAL DATA AND WITHHOLD OTHER IS A MATTER OF POLICY, NOT JUST CONVENIENCE. THE EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW WHICH ADDITIONAL FIGURES WILL BE PROVIDED OR WHEN. VIEIRA, WHO RETAINS HIS JOB AS SPECIAL ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT MACHEL, WAS PROBABLY GIVEN THE BM GOVERNOR'S JOB TO PUT A TRUSTED OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF MOZAMBIQUE'S DIFFICULT TRADE AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE SITUATION.

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